



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve the appointment of Mike Clark-Madison to a two year term as Austin's lay representative to Central Texas Library System (CTLS), a collaboration of member libraries, lay representatives and staff to strengthen public library services and equalize access to information throughout Central Texas.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Library
DEPARTMENT:

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Brenda Branch

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Branch, Director, 974-7444; Pat Tuohy, CTLS Coordinator, 974-3611

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by the Library Commission.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Under the Texas State Library Systems Act, the Austin Public Library is allotted one lay representative whose responsibility is to attend CTLS membership meetings, to elect Advisory Council members, and to vote on the Central Texas Library System's biennial plan of service and other system issues. Section 441.130(b) of the Texas Library Systems Act states that "the governing body of each member library shall elect or appoint a representative to elect" members of the Advisory Council.

Mike Clark-Madison, the city editor of The Austin Chronicle, has been a longtime supporter of and advocate for Austin and Texas libraries and information services. His roles in service to libraries have included: public information officer for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission; consultant to library clients including the Texas Library Association; member of the City of Austin Library Commission; member of the board of the Austin Public Library Foundation; and member, board member, and officer of the Austin History Center Association.

Mike Clark-Madison is volunteering to represent Austin's interests in the Central Texas Library System. He would be replacing Tom Shefelman who was elected to the CTLS Advisory Council and is thus ineligible to serve as Austin's lay representative. Mr. Shefelman will continue to serve as a member of the CTLS Advisory Council.